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## Nebulous GSA Project Clouds Greenbelt Sector Plan Options

by Thomas X. White

The next-to-last community workshop on the Greenbelt Metro Area and Md. Route 193 Corridor Sector Plan and Sectional Map Amendment (Sector Plan) was held at Springhill Lake Elementary School on Thursday, March 22. The March 15 workshop had focused on alternative North Core Concepts and Design scenarios (GNR March 22, 2012). This focused on overall land use concepts for the Sector Plan areas.

Sector Plan Project Director Chad Williams set the stage for discussion, noting two scenarios assumed for the North Core. Under the Mixed-Use-Development (MUD) scheme, North Core development would basically follow the Conceptual Site Plan (CSP) guideline approved in 2006.

That development would include approximately 1,267 residential units, about 1.1 million sq. ft. of retail space, about 1.2 million sq. ft. of office space in several medium to high rise buildings, 300 hotel rooms and nearly 12,000 structured parking spaces for the MUD development as well and the Metro Station. In earlier meetings Williams said that such a development would be appropriate for the site with its designation in the Prince George's County General Plan as a Metropolitan Center.

Near the end of the meeting, however, he seemed to question whether the Metropolitan Center designation would hold up, as competition with other "centers" in the area could downgrade the Greenbelt site to a "Regional Center."

### Alternative

The other scenario would be based upon either a large GSA tenant or possible large corporate tenant at the site. In that case, development would include approximately 2.2 million sq. ft. of office space in multiple buildings of various heights.

These would include structured parking (about 7,500 to 8,000 spaces) for both office complex and Metro Station. Potentially about 250 multifamily dwelling units would be situated above some 75,000 sq. ft. of retail in a vertical mixed-use development.

The number of employees for the office complex is estimated at between 11,500 and 12,000. Depending on the tenant, varying levels of security could be required.

Both share planning issues. Both would require construction of new access from and to the I-495 Beltway from the east and possible major alignments with the existing on-off ramps to and from the west. They would require alignments for the Metro Station and a proposed north-

south connector road with the South Core and Greenbelt Road.

Both scenarios assume a large state-owned preservation area between the development sites and Cherrywood Lane will be protected. The MUD scenario is assumed to have little or low impact on Metro ridership at the Greenbelt Station. It would appear to maximize tax revenue from development of the site.

### Ridership Issues

The GSA scenario could cause a large increase in Metro ridership in the reverse direction (away from Greenbelt toward Washington, D.C., in the evening rush period). That scenario could stress the Metro system to provide sufficient cars to handle rush hour ridership toward Washington. That scenario, if GSA were the owner, would also significantly limit potential property tax revenue.

In previous meetings the community had preferred the mixed-use scenario with appropriately scaled and sensitively massed

density and improved connectivity to the larger Greenbelt and North College Park communities.

Feedback from this workshop regarding GSA tenants included lower traffic impact and commuters' reliance on Metro, as well as moderately less intense development. Common assumptions for the entire sector plan area are to improve transit access, circulation, pedestrian and bicyclist safety; develop improved streetscapes along Md. Route 193; and revitalize the area and create a "destination."

### Greenway East

For the sub-area of Greenway Center, Maryland Trade Center and Hanover Office Park or Greenbelt East, the assumptions include: enhancing environmental amenities and incorporating new public/open spaces. Because there are already a large number of health-related offices and facilities in this area, there is a potential to "brand" the area as

See SECTOR PLAN, page 6

## GATE Presses City Council On Need for More Space

by Kayla Faria

City councilmembers squeezed together in the Greenbelt Access Television production studio for the organization's annual review meeting on March 21 – a fitting forum for GATE members to drop not-so-subtle hints about lack of space.

As a nonprofit organization bringing public access to Greenbelt, GATE sponsors the Utopia Film Festival featuring videos from around the world, tapes city events and provides children's animation classes with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts (GAVA).

Speaking of the Community Center's modest digital editing suite, GATE's home space, Executive Director Malia Murray said, "This is 1,000 square feet and we're busting at the seams. We'd

like to have 4,000 square feet."

The studio suite, purchased by cable pioneer Kjell Forsting more than a decade ago, is now filled with storage and equipment, including a teleprompter city officials will use for elections.

"We have [\$24,000 in dedicated] reserves to also purchase equipment if either more space here or at the Greenbelt Middle School site comes into being, so we're prepared for an expansion, both the animation program and other educational courses," GATE President Robert Zuby said.

### Animation Classes

Starting in 1998, the animation classes have served an estimated 530 children in its history. Fewer than 20 children are enrolled

See GATE, page 8

## What Goes On

Saturday, April 14

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, Parking Lot between Municipal Building and Community Center

9 a.m. to noon, Potomac Watershed Clean-ups, (1) SHL Stream (GreenACES), meet at SHL Recreation Center, (2) Buddy Attick Park

Tuesday, April 17

10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Registration for GED Class, Municipal Building (Class starts on Thursday, April 19)

Wednesday, April 18

8 p.m., Budget Worksession on Planning, Community Center

### 75th Anniversary

## Past, Present and Future Are Focus of Symposium

by Betty Timer

The morning sessions on April 27 of the 75th Anniversary Greenbelt Symposium, *A Living Community: Greenbelt's Enduring Legacies and the Greenbelt Museum at 25* follow the theme of "how we started; where we are and where we're going."

Mayor Judith Davis moderates the first session featuring Dr. Mary Corbin Sies, who describes Hale Walker's original planning scheme for the 1937 new town. She also discusses how Greenbelt's original planning has been modified by the municipality and residents.

Greenbelt's Recreation Director Julie Hale follows with a look at Greenbelt's original plan from a recreation perspective. With changing demographics, Hale comments on new recreational offerings targeted to aging baby

boomers and Franklin Park residents.

Then Susan Abramowitz Rosenbaum provides a 75-year perspective on visual arts in Greenbelt. Greenbelt has been home to talented artists and its public art displays have become an enduring legacy in the field of community arts and culture.

Greenbelt Councilmember Leta Mach discusses the impact of cooperative associations on the city. A former employee of the National Cooperative Business Association, she recognizes the value of member-owned enterprises organized to meet community needs.

The first (and still the largest) co-op was the food market, which remains a hub of Greenbelt's

See SYMPOSIUM, page 7

## Arbor Day and Earth Day Will Be April 21 in City

by Barbara Hopkins

The City of Greenbelt will celebrate Arbor Day and Earth Day on April 21. Mayor Judith Davis read proclamations announcing both celebrations at the city council meeting on Monday, April 9. An Open House event at the Public Works building will take place the same day.

### Earth Day

This year will be the 42nd anniversary of Earth Day celebrations. Luisa Robles, Greenbelt's recycling coordinator, along with Michael Hartman and Eva Fallon from GreenACES, shared with council plans for this year's events in Greenbelt.

Potomac River watershed cleanups take place on April 14 at Buddy Attick Park, the Springhill Lake Recreation Center and Greenbelt Park, organized by the

Alice Ferguson Foundation.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School Robotics Club will be selling 40- and 60-watt-equivalent LED light bulbs at the Public Works Open House April 21 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For sale will be a newer version of the energy-saving bulbs that provides a high quality, warmer light good for residential use, Fallon said.

Robles said the city has kilowatt meters and thermal leak detectors that city residents may borrow to check their home energy usage for possible waste and to find ways of economizing. A deposit, required at the time of borrowing, will be refunded when the equipment is returned; use of the equipment is free. The

See COUNCIL page 6



PHOTO BY BEVERLY PALAU

The city's Recycling Coordinator Luisa Robles and members of GreenACES Michael Hartman and Eva Fallon accept the Earth Day Proclamation from Mayor Judith Davis.

# Letters

## We Already Exist

We were pleased to read in the article "Council Budget Overview Begins Study of City's New Fiscal Year" in last week's issue that the proposed Fiscal Year 13 budget includes funds for hiring a consultant in economic development.

However, we are writing because there may be some confusion among your readers regarding the reference immediately following that information which stated that a "question was raised regarding the city's relationship, if any, with the effort underway by Greenbelt residents to form an Economic Development Corporation (EDC)." We aren't aware that anyone is trying to form an economic development corporation but a community development corporation has already been created in Greenbelt: the Greenbelt Community Development Corporation (GCDC). The GCDC includes economic development in its mission but only as one element in the broader scope of overall community development.

Our organization is up and running as of last October's first membership meeting, at which we adopted bylaws and elected our first Board of Directors. In February, we applied for non-profit status with the IRS. Any individual, business or organization in Greenbelt may join us in our efforts to promote and empower a locally-controlled, diverse and vibrant community. We are also looking forward to working closely with the city government in our shared goal of enhancing all of Greenbelt in all respects. We can be contacted at GreenbeltCDC@gmail.com.

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## Correction

The announcement in last week's paper (page 6) for the Girl Scouts anniversary event on Sunday, April 15 gave the wrong end time for the event. It will be on the Community Center lawn from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## Upcoming Events At New Deal Café

Friday, April 13 John Guernsey plays classical and jazz piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Silver City follows with bluegrass, honkytonk, folk and other Americana music from 8 to 11 p.m.

Saturday, April 14 begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m., followed by John Guernsey playing jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Veronneau headlines with World and Gypsy Jazz, Bossa Nova and ace vocals from 8 to 11 p.m.

Sunday, April 15 the monthly Kids Open Microphone session will take place from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Afterward pick up maps at the Café for the 75th Anniversary Greenbelt Studio Artists Tour from 1 to 5 p.m. Meet the artists and listen to 30s era jazz and the announcement of awards at the Art Reception Sunday evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

### Next Week

Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m. Reel and Meal at the New Deal shows "Walking the Line," a film which offers a harrowing view of chaos, absurdity and senseless deaths along the U.S.-Mexico border through private citizens who are taking the law into their own hands. Tuesday, April 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. is the monthly Open Microphone Poetry Night. Indie singer-songwriter Jake Tuthill performs on Wednesday, April 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. On Thursday, April 19 pianist Amy C. Kraft plays mid-day melodies from noon to 2 p.m., with Cold Hard Cash playing a tribute to Johnny Cash from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, April 20 pianist John Guernsey plays jazz from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then Maharal performs Middle Eastern rhythms with modern rock and post-modern klezmer from 8 to 11 p.m. The Saturday, April 21 schedule begins with Bruce Kritt on classical guitar from 4 to 6 p.m. John Guernsey plays jazz and blues piano from 6:30 to 8 p.m., then the Jelly Roll Mortals headline with original, semi-acoustic roots-rock from 8 to 11 p.m.

The Not 2 Cool Jazz Trio plays an intimate and lyrical sound that follows the west coast style of cool jazz on Sunday, April 22 from 5 to 8 p.m.

### Beltsville Garden Club Plant Sale

Sat., April 14 (rain or shine)  
8am until noon  
High Point High School, Beltsville-  
For directions visit  
[www.beltsvillegardenclub.org](http://www.beltsvillegardenclub.org)  
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## Green Man Starts Spring Cleaning

On Saturday, April 14 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. the annual 9 Lives Yard Sale will be held at Roosevelt Center.

Besides helping pay for the annual festivals, the yard sale provides an opportunity for some personal spring cleaning by encouraging mindful repurposing of unused items.

The 9 Lives Yard Sale was started in 2009 as part of the Stone Soup Project, a part of the Chesapeake Education Arts and Research Society (CHEARS). The idea is simple: to encourage people to collect their unused possessions of value and offer them to other folks who would love to have them. Often these items languish in storage for years and then are finally put out for trash. 9 Lives gives an opportunity to dust off the good old goods and set them free so they can find new owners. This allows for the three "Rs" Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. By repurposing the volume of goods going into landfills is reduced, the need for manufacturing replacement items is reduced, redundant goods are reused and it is the cleanest form of recycling, returning items to a useful purpose.

It is named the 9 Lives Yard Sale because useful goods should have every opportunity to be used and appreciated and live out long lives with any number of owners. There will also be music and information about the CHEARS projects.

### Donations

To donate items bring them to the center between 9 and 10 a.m. Saturday or, to arrange a pick-up, call 202-664-7572.

*-Richard McMullin*

May 5, 2012  
Departure 9:00 AM  
Returning 10:30 PM

**Greenbriar and Glen Oaks  
Atlantic City Bus Trip**

Enjoy a community bus trip to Atlantic City's Bally's Casino and Resort. First 39 tickets are \$39.00 and will go up to \$45.00. Tickets include a Bally's Casino bonus, light breakfast, 50/50 raffle, door prizes, and movies. Departing and returning to Greenbriar's Community Building.

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## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

### WEEK OF APRIL 13

#### FOOTNOTE (PG)

**FRIDAY**  
\*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

**SATURDAY**  
\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

**SUNDAY**  
\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30

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## Grin Belt



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## On Screen

### Father and Son

Opening at Old Greenbelt Theatre on Friday, April 13 is "Footnote," an Israeli film that plumbs the fraught ties binding father and son. Both are scholars at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem but diverge sharply in their work, character and roles in the world. A tense contest for the highly regarded Israel Prize brings matters to a dramatic head. Director Joseph Cedar interlards cutting humor in a briskly-told, one of a kind tale rooted in the Old Testament.

PG, with brief nudity, language and smoking. Running time: 103 minutes.

*- Eli Flam*

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### VOLUNTEER HELP WANTED:

#### GHI MEMBERS TO SERVE ON A GHI TASK FORCE ORGANIZING GHI'S PARTICIPATION IN THE

#### 2012 GREENBELT LABOR DAY FESTIVAL

Anyone interested should complete  
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Or contact Sheri Swaim in the Management Office

301-474-4161, ext. 148.

Applications are due by April 16th.

# Community Events

## Greenbelt's Housing Is Museum Lecture Topic

The Greenbelt Museum will present "Housing in Greenbelt: Beyond the New Deal Legacy" on Tuesday, April 17 at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center.

At 75, Greenbelt's original brick and block townhouses and garden apartments have withstood the test of time. The city's residential landscape has expanded from the original crescent-shaped nucleus to today's wide array of desirable housing. Options include compact Parkbelt homes on Forestway, Charlestowne North's "tower in the park" overlooking Greenbelt Lake, cooperatively-built homes in Woodland Hills and Greenbelt West's Franklin Park (Springhill Lake) complex.

The two presenters are University of Maryland faculty members and Greenbelt Museum volunteers, who live in Old Greenbelt. They'll share their research published in their book, "Housing Washington: Two Centuries of Residential Development in the National Capital Area," which complements the upcoming 75th anniversary Symposium: Sustaining Greenbelt's Legacy on April 27 and 28.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, April 12, 7:30 p.m., Board of Directors Meeting – Board Room

Friday, April 13, Office Closed – For emergency maintenance service call 301-474-6011

Monday, April 16, 7 p.m., Additions Maintenance Program Task Force Meeting – Board Room

Tuesday, April 17, 8:30 a.m., Yardline Committee Meeting – GHI Library

7:30 p.m., Companion Animal Committee Meeting – GHI Lobby

Wednesday, April 18, 7 p.m., Woodlands Committee Meeting – Board Room

Thursday, April 19, 7 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting – Board Room

Saturday, April 21, 11 a.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

## Goodbye, Jupiter, Hello, Saturn

The Astronomical Society of Greenbelt (ASG) invites the public to a star (and planet) party at the Greenbelt City Observatory at the end of Northway on Saturday, April 14. Setup will begin at dusk – probably around 8 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Say goodbye to Jupiter, say hello to Saturn, enjoy Venus and Mars and help ASG celebrate International Dark Sky Week. Four major planets may be observed in one night this weekend. Jupiter is setting early but Saturn will be at its closest approach to Earth on Sunday night.

Park in the lot at the bottom of Observatory Hill. Those transporting telescopes may park and set up on the hill. Club members will be setting up personal telescopes and opportunities will be available for those considering purchasing a telescope to try out different types. Need help with a new telescope? Bring it and an experienced club person will help.

If it's chilly bring a jacket. If it's balmy, bring insect repellent. To be safe, bring both. The star party will be canceled without notice if it's hopelessly cloudy.

## Explore Lightbulbs

On Friday, April 20 Explorations Unlimited will hear from Lions Club member Barry Blechman, 36-year owner of Beltway Plaza Hardware, on the subject of lighting one's home. He will answer questions and may also discuss some basic home repairs people can do.

Explorations Unlimited is held every Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center in Room 114. All are welcome and questions are encouraged. For details call 301-397-2208.

## Cub Scouts Clean Up

Greenbelt Cub Scout Pack 202 will host the annual Trash Free Potomac Watershed clean up this Saturday, April 14 at Buddy Attick Park from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers including youths in first through fifth grades are encouraged to join in helping clean up the lake area and learn more about scouting in Greenbelt.

## Walking the Line Is Reel & Meal Film

The next film in the Reel and Meal at the New Deal monthly series, to be shown on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m., is "Walking the Line," a 2005 documentary criticizing failed U.S. border policy. The Reel and Meal free film series, sponsored by the Prince George's County Peace & Justice Coalition, Beaverdam Creek Watershed Watch Group and Green Vegan Networking, explores environmental and social justice issues. A vegan buffet is available for purchase beforehand, at 6:30 p.m.

By Jeremy Levine and Landon Van Soest, the film offers a harrowing view of the chaos, absurdities and senseless deaths along the U.S.-Mexican border from private citizens taking the law into their own hands. Southern Arizona, with a history of lawlessness, has become the most highly trafficked area in the world for immigrants. A shift in border policy forces migrants to cross the desert, where thousands die, and those who make it then face volatile civilian militias. Fatigue-wearing, self-styled warriors see themselves in a border war, with a commander marshalling his armed troops, cocking his rifle and mapping out maneuvers when suspected immigrants invade the property.

Standing in opposition to the vigilantes, humanitarians organize to prevent migrant death but they, too, find themselves on the wrong side of the law. A Tucson pastor is indicted on federal felony charges for aiding and abetting, while an American Indian faces banishment from his reservation for building water stations. The film explores the uncertain line between what is patriotic, what is moral and what is just.

Discussion afterward will be facilitated by Melanie Fox of the Friends Committee on National Legislation and Luba Vangelova, of Catalyst Communications, formerly a freelance journalist for many years.

More Community Events are scattered throughout the newspaper.

## Soc. Security Seminar At Greenbelt Library

On Wednesday, April 18 the Social Security Administration will hold a two-part seminar at the Greenbelt Library to provide information about Social Security. The morning session, from 11 a.m. to noon will provide an update for current annuitants on recent changes, reporting responsibilities, survivor benefits and mandatory direct deposit.

The afternoon session, from 4 to 5 p.m. will provide basic information for those approaching retirement about eligibility requirements for benefits, receiving benefits early vs. applying at full retirement age and the application process. Publications will be available at both sessions.

For details call Diana Varela at 1-877-513-3848, ext. 20861.

## Rain Garden, Water Quality Workshop

On Monday, April 16 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. a rain garden and water quality workshop will be held at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, 6101 Cherrywood Lane. It will be led by Public Works Superintendent of Operations Lesley Riddle and Cary Coppock of Concerned Citizens to Restore Indian Creek (CCRIC).

For details email concetta@chears.org.

## LISTEN to the NEWS REVIEW

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## Greenbriar Community Yardsale

Don't Miss Out! All are invited to enjoy a summer yard sale to take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 28. Over 20 vendors will be present. Light refreshments will be sold!

VENDORS NEEDED! Rent a table or space!

• Tables: \$10.00

• Spaces: \$10.00

\*\*RAIN OR SHINE\*\* Please call or stop by the office from 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM for more information!

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## Holy Cross Thrift Store

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21 Jump Street, R

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Hunger Games, PG-13

11:55, 3:30, 6:30, 9:25

Wrath of the Titans in 2D, PG-13

11:50

Wrath of the Titans in 3D, PG-13

2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:35

Cabin in the Woods, R (!)

11:20, 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8, 10:10

Titanic in 3D, PG-13

11:20, 3:20, 7:40

The Three Stooges, PG (!)

11:30, 1:35, 3:40, 5:50, 8, 10:10

Lock Out, PG-13, (!)

11:30, 1:40, 3:45, 5:40, 7:50, 10:05

American Reunion, R (!!)

11:50, 2:15, 4:45, 7:35, 10:05

MON. – THUR.

21 Jump Street, R

11:40, 2:35, 5:10, 7:30

[No 5:10 or 7:30 show on Wed.]

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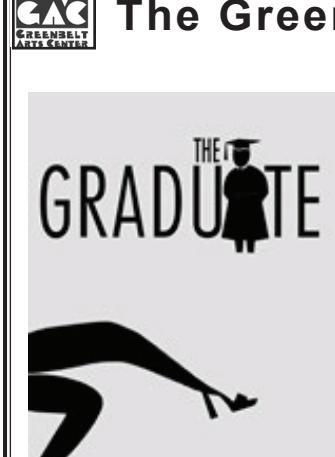
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## Coming Soon to The Greenbelt Arts Center!



## The Graduate

April 27, 28, May 4, 5, 11, 12,

18, 19 at 8:00 PM

May 6 and 13 at 2:30 PM.

Ticket prices: \$17 General Admission, \$14 Students/Seniors

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### Coming Soon:

June 8 - 17, 2012 - Question Normality

June 28 - July 1, 2012 - Dear Delinquent

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## Spring Yard Sale



### Greenbelt

### Community Church

Crescent & Hillside Road

Saturday, April 14

9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Plus: Bake Sale and Lunch

Don't Miss It!

## Obituaries

### Stella S. Uber

Stella Szpakowska Uber of Southway died Saturday, April 7, 2012, at Washington Hospital Center after a brief illness. She was 80 years old.



A first-generation American, she was born in Camden, N.J., in 1932, to Antoni and Stanisława Szpakowski, Polish immigrants who came to this country in 1912. She moved to the Washington area in 1949 when she married William E. Uber, Jr. and she graduated from Mount Rainier High School. They started a family in Riverdale, Md., and moved to Adelphi in 1962, where she and Bill remained until moving to Greenbelt in 2000.

In addition to being a member of the service club Civitan International and an avid member of the Prince George's County Historical Society, she enjoyed reading, listening to classical music and opera and spending time in her garden. She loved her small townhome in Old Greenbelt and spent much time and effort making improvements to it over the years.

Her husband Bill preceded her in death in 2009.

She is survived by four sons and their families: William III (Eileen Fitzgerald), David (Joyce Baldwin), Timothy (Michelle Kadziel) and Joseph (Anita Carte); eight grandchildren: Jennifer Uber, Jennifer Baldwin, Geoffrey, Crystal, Jeremy, Chase, Joseph and David II; and seven great-grandchildren: Austin, Cassidy, Kadin, Madison, Terri, Hope and Brooke and friends here in Greenbelt.

Friends and neighbors may call at Gasch's Funeral Home in Hyattsville on Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m., with a memorial service at the funeral home starting at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, a contribution may be made towards the placement of a memorial bench in Stella and Bill's name near their home here in their beloved Greenbelt. Contributions may be sent to the attention of Tim Uber, 2-A Southway, Greenbelt, MD 20770. Any additional funds will be donated to the Prince George's County Historical Society in her name.

### Kids Open Microphone At New Deal Sunday

On Sunday, April 15 a Kids Open Microphone session, held on the third Sunday of every month at the New Deal Café, will run from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Children to age 17 are invited to play a musical instrument, sing, dance, juggle, recite a poem or otherwise perform in front of a very sympathetic audience.

For more information call Anne Gardner at 301-220-1721 or email [annegrdrn@yahoo.com](mailto:annegrdrn@yahoo.com).



**Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS**  
Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building  
ALL ARE WELCOME.

### Help Plan Old GMS Building Use May 5

On Saturday, May 5 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. there will be a special planning event for future use of the old Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) building to enable residents to contribute and vote on ideas in a festive setting.

The planning event, sponsored by the Greenbelt Middle School Task Force and Franklin Park, held in the GMS building, will be a free, fun, productive family and community event with entertainment in the gym, information tables for community groups and hourly drawings for prizes. Tours of the building will be offered to see the various spaces with a view to considering how they may be used for community services and activities. Spanish interpreters will be available. After the tour, play "Community Planning – One Sticker at a Time" – to increase chances in the prize drawings.

Visit [www.greenbeltwestcommunitycenter.org](http://www.greenbeltwestcommunitycenter.org) for information on newly-added activities.

For more information email Joe McNeal at [jmcneal@greenbeltdmd.gov](mailto:jmcneal@greenbeltdmd.gov).

### Birding for the Blind

On Saturday, April 14 from 8 to 11 a.m. the National Wildlife Visitor Center in Laurel will hold a program to introduce visually impaired people ages 8+ to nature and birding through hands-on activities and exploration of outdoor habitats. The program is free and registration is required.

For more information and to register call 301-497-5887.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church

**40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt**

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors  
[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Fay Lundin, Pastor



**Worship Service 10am**



At the outset of every endeavor, it is incumbent to look to the end of it. Of all the arts and sciences, set the children to studying those which will result in advantage to man, will ensure his progress and elevate his rank. (Baha'u'llah)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community  
1-800-22-UNITE 301-345-2918  
[Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com](mailto:Greenbelt.Bahai.Info@gmail.com) [www.bahai.us](http://www.bahai.us)



**Greenbelt Baptist Church**  
101 Greenhill Road  
Greenbelt, MD 20770 – (301) 474-4212  
[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org)

**Sunday 9:45 am Sunday School**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship Service**  
**Wednesday 7:00 pm Prayer Meeting/Bible Study**

**ALL are Welcome!**

*"Helping People Connect with Christ and His Family Through Loving Service"*



### Mishkan Torah Congregation

10 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

Rabbi Jonathan Cohen Cantor Phil Greenfield

*Friday evening services 8:00 PM except first Friday of the month, when children's service begins at 7:30 PM*

*Saturday morning services - 9:30 AM*

*Children's Education, Adult Education, Social Action, etc.*

*For further information call 301 474-4223 [www.mishkantorah.org](http://www.mishkantorah.org)  
Conservative and Reconstructionist*



Our sympathy to the Uber family on the death of their mother Stella Szpakowska Uber of Southway on April 7, 2012.

Congratulations to:

– Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team members (CERT) elected to CERT offices for the coming year: Kenneth Silberman, coordinator; Scott Ritz, deputy coordinator; and Lester Whitmer, treasurer.

– Brendan Cooney and Megan Tahan of Portsmouth, N.H., who welcomed Phoebe on April 6, 2012. Phoebe, who joins big brother Jacob, 2, is the new-

est grandchild for Jim and Cass Cooney of Ridge Road.

Our thanks to the Helping Hands Club and grade 3-5 volunteers at Springhill Lake Elementary School, who will spend Friday morning cleaning up litter polluting the stream behind the school.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [newsreview@greenbelt.com](mailto:newsreview@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

### Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church

3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi  
Phone: 301-937-3666 [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)



*Welcomes you to our open, nurturing community*

**Sunday at 10 a.m.**

Rev. Diane Teichert

See our website: [www.pbuuc.org](http://www.pbuuc.org)

### St. George's Episcopal Church

*Join us around a table where all are welcome!*



Services

- Sundays
  - 8 a.m. simple, quiet service (no music)
  - 10 a.m. main service  
(music includes a mixture of acoustic guitar, piano and organ music)
- Wednesdays
  - 7 p.m. service with healing prayers (no music)

7010 Glenn Dale Road (Lanham-Severn Road & Glenn Dale Road)  
301-262-3285 | [rector@stgeo.org](mailto:rector@stgeo.org) | [www.stgeo.org](http://www.stgeo.org)

### BERWYN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. James Lawton - Pastor  
301-474-7573  
6301 Greenbelt Road  
Berwyn Heights, MD 20740  
[berwypresbyterian.net](http://berwypresbyterian.net)

Worship : Sundays at 11:00 am -- Child Care Available  
Sunday School: Sundays at 9:30 am  
Office Hours : M-F 9:00 am - 1:00 pm



*A hospitable, multicultural community of faith*

### Greenbelt Community Church

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Hillside & Crescent Roads  
Phone: 301-474-6171 mornings  
[www.greenbelttucc.org](http://www.greenbelttucc.org)  
Sunday Worship  
10:15 a.m.  
Daniel Hamlin, Pastor

*"A church of the open mind, the warm heart, the aspiring soul, and the social vision..."*

### ST. HUGH OF GRENOBLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

135 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770

301-474-4322



Mass Schedule:  
Sunday 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Daily Mass: 7:15 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance: Saturday 3:45-4:45 p.m.

Pastor: Rev. Walter J. Tappe

### HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

6905 Greenbelt Road • 301-345-5111  
[www.myholycross.org](http://www.myholycross.org) • [myholycross@verizon.net](mailto:myholycross@verizon.net)

Worship 8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.  
6:00 p.m. Informal Worship  
Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church is a traditional Bible-believing, Christ-centered congregation! Join Us!  
Join us on Facebook at Holy Cross Lutheran Greenbelt



## At the Library

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.: Historian C.R. Gibbs presents an audio-visual lecture for adults and older children on The African Origins of Christianity in the weekly series of talks through June 26 on African American history and culture.

### Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, April 17, 7 p.m.: Discuss T. Coraghessan Boyle's "When the Killing's Done."

### Storytimes

On Wednesdays and Thursdays a librarian reads age-appropriate stories to children and parents using imagination and props.

Wednesday, April 18, 10:30 a.m.: Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years.

Thursday, April 19, 12:30 a.m.: Toddler Time for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver.

Space is limited; pick up a free ticket for Storytime events at the information desk.

Saturday, April 14, 11 a.m.: Master Gardeners of Prince George's County will offer a program on starting a vegetable garden.

### Read to Rover

Saturday, April 21, 2 p.m.: Children build reading confidence by reading aloud to therapy dogs.

For more information on any of these programs or events visit the library, call 301-345-5800 or visit [www.pgclms.info](http://www.pgclms.info).

## Volunteer Utopia Screeners Needed

Good news for movie lovers – Greenbelt's Utopia Film Festival 2012 needs volunteer screeners to help evaluate this year's entries. Short and feature-length documentaries, short and feature-length comedies, dramas, science fiction works, experimental films and animation are included among the films to be screened.

### Meet Monday

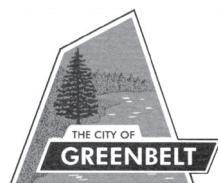
Monday, April 16 there will be a screener orientation meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Access Television (GATE) studios, in suite 204 at the Community Center. Utopia planners will explain the screening process and at least three films will be evaluated. "Come join us, watch movies and help us select the very best films for Utopia 2012," said Utopia Screening Director Alan Haley, a filmmaker who has worked with the festival since its 2005 launch.

The Utopia Film Festival, now in its eighth year, derives its name from Greenbelt's origins as a utopian intentional community designed and built in the 1930s by the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration to foster harmonious community living. It is an annual all-volunteer project of nonprofit GATE and receives entries from independent filmmakers worldwide as well as local. The best submissions are selected for screening at the festival, which is held in October.

### Submitting Films

While seeking quality short and feature-length documentaries and narratives in all areas, Utopia is particularly interested in films investigating utopian communities and concepts. Filmmakers who wish to submit work to Utopia should visit the festival website at [www.utopiafilmfestival.org](http://www.utopiafilmfestival.org) for further information.

– Susan Gervasi



# City Information

## MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16-20

Wednesday, April 18 at 8:00pm **BUDGET WORK SESSION-PLANNING**, at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Rd.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000.*

## VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Employee Relations Board, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, and Public Safety Advisory Committee

**For information call 301-474-8000.**

## BECOME A LIFEGUARD!

**The Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center (GAFC) is offering Lifeguard Training!**  
**101 Centerway, Greenbelt, MD 20770**

**Lifeguarding Pre-Test** is April 14th or April 19th from 6-9:30pm at the GAFC. Ages 15 +. \$5.

**Lifeguarding Class:** 257181-A Tu/Th 6-9:30pm/GAFC Classroom. 8 meetings from 4/24-5/17. Or...257181-B Sa 1-8pm GAFC Classroom. 4 meetings from 4/21-5/12. PH \$160, RNPH \$176 and NRNPH \$200.

**Lifeguarding Review:** for those who are currently certified or whose certification expired no more than 12 months ago. Good for recertification. 257182-A Sa/Su from 1-8pm, 2 meetings 4/14 and 4/15. Or Sa/Su 1-8pm, 2 meetings 5/19-5/20. PH \$100, RNPH \$110 and NRNPH \$125.

Please call 301-397-2204 or visit [www.greenbeltd.gov/GAFC](http://www.greenbeltd.gov/GAFC) from more information.



## GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER 550-A Crescent Road

(behind Police Station)

Cassie was found roaming the streets of Greenbelt all by herself. She can be a bit shy at times, but she gets along with other dogs and is very sweet and mellow.

Come out and visit all of the available pets! The shelter is open on Wednesdays from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm or by appointment. INFO: 301.474.6124. Donations welcome! Like us on Facebook!



Approximately 350 children enjoyed the Annual Egg Hunt sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

Pictured are this year's Golden Egg Winners: Olivia Noel, Aleandra Noel, Jaden Osborne, Mario Ferman, and Jacob Polley. Congratulations!

## Greenbelt CARES

### SPRING 10-WEEK-GED COURSE

Registration will be held on

Tuesday, April 17, 2012, from 10:30 – 12:30

Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road

The first actual class will be held on Thursday, April 19.

Classes are held every Tuesday and Thursday, for 10 weeks in the Municipal Building.

GED I is 10:30 - 12:30, GED II is from 1:00 - 3:00.

**For enrollment information, call CARES, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016 or [jhering@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:jhering@greenbeltd.gov)**



Visit and "Like" the City of Greenbelt on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt](http://www.facebook.com/cityofgreenbelt)

Visit Greenbelt CityLink at [www.greenbeltd.gov](http://www.greenbeltd.gov)



## REGISTER NOW FOR THE SYMPOSIUM: SUSTAINING GREENBELT'S LEGACY

**Friday, April 27, 9:30-5:30 & Saturday, April 28, 9:30-2:30**  
**Symposium:** Academics from several universities, city staff and Greenbelt residents examine the city's enduring legacies in terms of community planning, recreation, cooperative ventures and citizen activism. Dr. Mervyn Miller, an English planning historian, delivers a keynote address, "From The British Garden City to Greenbelt and Back to the English New Towns" at 1:00 pm, Saturday. For additional information contact Dr. Isabelle Gournay at [gournay@umd.edu](mailto:gournay@umd.edu) or [www.greenbeltd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltd.gov/75) Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-507-6582 Fee

**Registration Forms Available at**  
**[www.greenbeltd.gov/75](http://www.greenbeltd.gov/75)**

## POTOMAC WATERSHED CLEAN-UP

**SATURDAY, April 14th from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon**  
**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

Come and join members of the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green ACES), and Cub Scout Pack 202 to remove litter and other debris from two sites in Greenbelt.

1) SPRINGHILL LAKE STREAM (Green ACES): Meet at the SHL Recreation Center. At this site you can also help with the Three Sisters Garden Project. For details call Brian Gibbons at 301-614-0586 or email at [btppg2252@yahoo.com](mailto:btppg2252@yahoo.com)

2) BUDDY ATTICK PARK (Cub Scouts): Meet at the picnic tables at the park. For details email Farah Ahmed at [omarskhan@gmail.com](mailto:omarskhan@gmail.com)

\* Bring your work gloves.

\* Wear Comfortable Clothing and Boots – or old shoes.

\* Attention Students – Community Service Hours will be given. Bring your forms!!

This event is organized by the Alice Ferguson Foundation: [www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash\\_initiative/trash\\_cleanup.shtml](http://www.fergusonfoundation.org/trash_initiative/trash_cleanup.shtml) For more information, call Luisa Robles at 240 542 2153 or email at [lrobles@greenbeltd.gov](mailto:lrobles@greenbeltd.gov)

## DONATION DROP-OFF

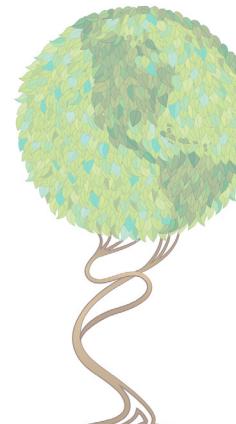
American Rescue Workers

Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center  
 City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308

## Enjoy a Day of Outdoor Activities

**Saturday, April 21st**



9am – 3pm: **THREE LAKES WALK**  
 A 75th Anniversary Event. Organized by the Recreation Department & the Greenbelt Volksmarchers Registration between 9am and 12pm at Schrom Hill Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway. All participants must complete the walk by 3pm. The walk ends at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. From there, people may enjoy food, drink and festivities before being transported back to Schrom Hills Park.

## 11am – 2pm: PUBLIC WORKS OPEN HOUSE

Come out to the Public Works Facility at 555 Crescent Road for demonstrations, tours and hot dogs! Community groups will be on hand with information tables

## 1:45pm – 2pm: REDEDICATION OF SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER-6101 Cherrywood Lane

\*Rededication/Ribbon cutting will take place at entrance to SHL Recreation Center.

## 2pm – 6pm: CELEBRATION OF SPRING, EARTH DAY & ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION-ALL AT SPRINGHILL LAKE RECREATION CENTER, 6101 Cherrywood Lane

Enjoy Inflatables, Make & Take Art Projects, \*Performers – ERHS Step Club, Sity Stars & Clown/Magic Act

\*Band - Steele Drum Music, Game truck. Hotdogs, chips & water will be served from 2pm – 4pm. Computer lab will be operational and monitored. Community groups will be on hand with information tables.

2pm: **EARTH DAY CELEBRATION**, a rain garden will be installed at the end of the parking lot.

3pm **RECOGNITION OF ARBOR DAY:** A tree will be planted in or close to the rain garden.

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**Mayor Judith Davis administers the oath of office to the city's newest police officer, Sharnise Hawkins-Graham. Hawkins-Graham put herself through the Prince George's Community College Public Safety and Security Institute Municipal Police Academy and graduated with a GPA of 94.8 in October 2011. She has lived in the area all her life and currently resides in Riverdale. Greenbelt Chief of Police James Craze looks on.**

equipment will be demonstrated at the Public Works Open House.

An Electronics Recycling Day on April 28 will run from 9 a.m. to noon at the Public Works yard. Block styrofoam of the type that encases electronic equipment at purchase and batteries which have been taped on one end will also be accepted for recycling that day.

Other events in and around the city in celebration of Earth Day include paper-shredding day on May 5 from 9 a.m. to noon behind the Credit Union. People may bring up to five boxes of paper and may watch the shredding process.

Hartman specifically encouraged members of council and city employees to join in a bike to work day on May 18.

#### Arbor Day

Charles Jackman, of the city's Advisory Committee on Trees (ACT), told council that Arbor Day would be celebrated with tree plantings and installation of a rain garden from 2 to 4 p.m. in collaboration with the re-dedication of the Springhill Lake Recreation Center.

Jackman noted this is Greenbelt's 12th year as a Tree City USA. According to the proclamation, this gives the city responsibility to continue planting and caring for trees and preserving green space and forests. The proclamation lists numerous benefits society derives from trees, including reduced erosion, lower home energy costs, moderation of temperatures, clean air, enhanced property values, provision of habitat for wildlife and community beautification.

#### ACT Report

Assistant Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle had advised council she agrees with the report from ACT that the Bradford pear trees near the inlet entrance to Greenbelt Lake (near Charlestowne Village) and on Crescent Road across from Roosevelt Center are in poor condition and should be replaced with other types of trees.

Jackman introduced the report and noted that Bradford pear trees are not compatible with the Buddy Attick Master Plan. He said ACT members had toured the two areas last August and had been concerned about them for a couple of years. Some of the trees had been damaged severely during a storm in summer of 2010.

Riddle recommended replacement of the Bradford pears on Crescent with the disease-resistant crab apple "Adirondack" or smaller magnolia species such as star or tulip magnolia. These are shorter trees that would interfere less with power lines, she said. She suggested medium-growing shade trees for the Greenbelt Lake area.

Riddle also said that some trees have been removed from Roosevelt Center because they were damaged by salt during snow removal procedures. She said the ground must be leached of sodium before the trees can be replaced. The city is still investigating how to avoid such damage in the future, she added.

Council unanimously approved the staff recommendation on replacement of the Bradford pears in the two areas included in the ACT report.



**At the city council meeting on April 9, Charles Jackman of the Advisory Committee on Trees and Greenbelt's Assistant Director of Public Works Lesley Riddle (not shown) accepted from the mayor a proclamation declaring April 21 as Arbor Day in Greenbelt.**

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"the Medical Mile." The history of the Schrom Airport, located in the Hanover Parkway area, could be celebrated and transportation improvements made at Md. Route 193 and Hanover Parkway and at the entrance to Greenway Center.

Attendees noted that a currently vacant site within the Hanover Office Park area just north of the post office is being projected as a potential site for relocation of the Greenbelt Fire Department & Rescue Squad. However, participants were nearly unanimous in considering this a poor location for a fire and rescue service because of access and egress problems for emergency vehicles.

#### Golden Triangle

Moving west, planning assumptions for the sub-area that includes the Golden Triangle Office park, the Capital Office Park, Belle Point and University Square Apartments included retaining existing uses, supporting modest retail and office infill in the office parks, improving the Lakecrest Drive-American Legion Drive intersection and evaluating the Toaping Castle site (near the existing Pepco substation).

For the Md. Route 193 Corridor and Berwyn Heights commercial and industrial sub-area, it was noted that Springhill Lake Elementary School is currently over capacity. Assumptions included a "repurposing of the Prince George's County Board of Education school bus lot as recreational fields or possible new site for a future elementary school."

An assumption concerning Franklin Park was to incorporate gateways at Breezewood Drive and Springhill Drive intersections with Cherrywood Lane. Later assumptions related to the phased redevelopment of Beltway Plaza Mall with multifamily residences at the rear and in-fill retail at Md. Route 193 with a connection front to back of the mall and more green space.

#### South Core

The South Core area was assumed to be developed as approved and that the state-owned conservation area between the Metro and South Core properties and Cherrywood Lane would be down-zoned to Open Space (OS) and preserved, with provisions for connectivity at some points and interpretive signage.

The planning staff went very quickly through a slide series that posed selective changes in

#### Women's and Men's Choruses Perform

The University of Maryland Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus will give a combined free performance of "All's Fair in Love and War," on Friday, April 20 at 8 p.m. in the Dekelboum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

The groups will perform choral works ranging from the Renaissance to the 21st century that explore the dual themes of love and war. In addition to performing separately, the choruses will join together for 20th-century American composer Daniel Pinkham's "Wedding Cantata."

Admittance is on a first-come, first-seated basis beginning at 7:30 p.m. For details visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) or call 301-405-2787.

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several Sector Plan areas dependent on whether the MUD concept or the GSA/Major Employer concept were chosen for the North Core. If the MUD scenario were chosen for the North Core, nothing much would apparently change for the rest of the Sector Plan Area other than moderate retail and residential development not increasing the burden for existing public facilities.

If the GSA tenant scenario were to be adopted, however, Focus Area 1 could see 200,000 sq. ft. of new office development beyond that projected under the MUD scenario. On the downside, it would increase the traffic burden at Md. Route 193 and Hanover Parkway, currently the worst of any intersection in the Sector Plan area.

Focus Area 2, including the Golden Triangle and Capital Office Park, would retain existing uses with some in-fill and the possibility of new office-serving retail.

Focus Area 4 covers Beltway Plaza Mall development and Berwyn Heights retail and industrial areas on Md. Route 193 and Branchville Road. The outlook under the MUD scenario includes some increase in retail and some offices and approximately 600-700 residential units and targeted mixed-use commercial at Beltway Plaza.

Longer term the planners see an opportunity to relocate the Berwyn Heights municipal offices to the Md. Route 193 corridor and conversion of the PG Scrap facility at Branchville Road to recreation uses. On the plus side the area creates opportunities for a range of housing types and potential for new open spaces.

However, under the GSA/large tenant scenario, this focus area could experience increases in both new office and residential uses. The Beltway Plaza area could see 30,000 sq. ft. of new office space and up to 1,400 residential units.

#### Break-out Summaries

With little discussion on the slide presentation, workshop participants were directed to form three break-out groups to review planning scenarios and express their feelings or pose questions. There seemed to be an even distribution among Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights and College Park residents.

Group #1 questioned why the scrap yard at Branchville Road was shown as Industrial and not as Open Space. Also questioned was the location of a new fire house on Hanover Parkway. For the North Core they wondered whether there was middle ground between the two possible sce-

narios. The group also preferred no high rise residential at the South Core. The group liked the "Medical Mile" concept for Hanover Parkway but it had to be "walkable." For Beltway Plaza Mall, this group felt there was no justification for adding 1,400 residential units. The real housing need, in their view, was for affordable, work-force or senior housing.

Group #2 proposed a Md. Route 193 location (on a site near the Lutheran Church) for a firehouse. They also felt the long-term use for the PG Scrap site should be open-space. The group supported a comprehensive plan for any redevelopment of Beltway Plaza Mall and supported an entrance to the rear from Breezewood Drive. They also questioned the need for 1,400 residential units there. The group also expressed support for better connectivity between Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West, multi-modal transportation and "green" streets.

The last group supported a more flexible plan and the MUD option. Even if the GSA scenario is chosen, it should still provide for some mixed use. The group also wanted the plan to include a pedestrian bridge from the North Core to College Park and argued for a better outline of the connector road orientation between the North and South Cores. It was concerned about increased retail along Greenbelt Road on traffic impacts and argued for more green space in Greenbelt West. There was also a plea for "not so many Town Centers."

Following the break-out group reports there was a brief question and answer period. As mentioned at previous workshops, the planning horizon for the Sector Plan is between 20 to 40 years.

#### Next Meeting

A final Community Meeting on the Sector Plan will be held at 6:30 p.m. on April 19 at Springhill Lake Elementary School, including a review and discussion of the preferred development scenarios and preliminary recommendations. The Sector Plan staff will then develop a preliminary plan to be released to the public in June or July.

The next step will be a joint (Prince George's County Planning Board and the District Council) public hearing on the Preliminary Plan, tentatively scheduled for September. After that hearing the Planning Board will adopt a proposed Sector Plan toward the end of 2012.

Final District Council (Prince George's County Council) approval could occur during spring 2013. More information on the topic can be obtained at [www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm](http://www.pgplanning.org/Greenbelt.htm).

#### Earth Day at SHL Recreation Center

Saturday, April 21, Earth Day, there will be a celebration and rain gardens installation from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center sponsored by the City of Greenbelt, CHEARS (Chesapeake Education, Arts & Research Society), the College Park REI store, CCRIC (Citizens to Conserve and Restore Indian Creek) and CampFire USA.

All are invited to join in the sun and fun of the day and the rain garden installation.

#### WSSC Hosts Sat. Water Festival

In celebration of Earth Month, the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) will host the H2O Fest in Upper Marlboro at the Western Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant on Saturday, April 14, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Family-friendly environmental events include children's and hands-on activities.

Western Branch Wastewater Treatment Plant is at 6600 Crain Highway, Upper Marlboro. For details call Kimberley Knox or John C. White at 301-206-8100.

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social life. The newest co-op is the Sunday Farmers Market. Joe Gareri and Kim Rush Lynch describe the vision of creating a farmers' market to provide local food and a gathering place for neighbors and to help drive traffic to Roosevelt Center.

News Review Editor Mary Lou Williamson highlights new challenges in chronicling the news and giving a voice to residents. This weekly cooperative newspaper has served the community for 75 years.

Mary Konsoulis (U.S. Commission of Fine Arts) leads the final segment of the morning's first session dealing with National Historic Landmark and National Planning Landmark designations. This is an overview of efforts to preserve Old Greenbelt, Roosevelt Center, the former Center School (now Community Center), the garden apartments and GHI townhouses.

Then Sharon Bradley, landscape architect during the Roosevelt Center Mall renovation, provides an overview of the mall's original layout and planned uses. Her comments will include: changes that took place in the 1970s, ideas for future uses and spatial enhancements to the Center's iconic sculpture.

### Second Session

Sandra Lange, a museum founder volunteer, moderates the morning's second session, the Greenbelt Museum at 25. Other participants include Barbara Havekost, a museum founder and

volunteer who helped prepare the house at 10-B Crescent Road for its grand opening in October 1987.

Past curators are founder Ann Denkler, who helped catalog an amazing collection of New Deal artifacts, conducted oral histories with Greenbelt residents and who built the museum's first exhibitions; Katie Scott-Childress and Jill St. John, from the late 1990s to the mid-2000s when the Greenbelt Museum underwent major changes.

Megan Searing Young, current director of the Greenbelt Museum, comments on challenges in the years ahead, including building an online presence, electronic accessibility to the museum's collection, identifying revenue streams and expanding the museum's audience. Sheila Maffay Tuthill, education volunteer coordinator, discusses the museum's educational and docent activities. Planned initiatives have included translations of the museum's informational pamphlet into Spanish, French, German and Chinese, plus an oral history project with the Creative Kids Camp in conjunction with the 75th anniversary.

The afternoon sessions of the 75th Anniversary symposium are entitled Toward Inclusion: Diversity in Greenbelt and Greenbelters on the Move: Public Transportation for a Pedestrian City. Lee and Bonnie Shields Lee recall their memories of Greenbelt and the Maryland/DC area from 1940 to 1960. Dr. Jeremy Korr notes that the development of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Capital Beltway proved to be

The Friday afternoon session's first topic – Toward Inclusion: Diversity in Greenbelt – fo-



COURTESY GREENBELT MUSEUM

**Former Curator Jill St. John discusses the Lenore Thomas bas reliefs at the Greenbelt Community Center with a group of children, 2007.**

cuses on the New Deal religious quotas and the New Deal policies. City employees Chrystal Batey Parker and Karen Haseley will highlight current initiatives for seniors and those with disabilities. Frank DeBernardo will discuss city-recognized organizations for gay, bisexual, lesbian and transgender citizens.

The next topic is Greenbelters on the Move: Public Transportation for a Pedestrian City. Lee and Bonnie Shields Lee recall their memories of Greenbelt and the Maryland/DC area from 1940 to 1960.

Dr. Jeremy Korr notes that the development of the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and the Capital Beltway proved to be

both a blessing and a curse for Greenbelt. Deborah Sward and Mark Noll present their study with innovative suggestions to enhance pedestrian accessibility in East Greenbelt. Debbie Dillon discusses new transportation strategies to transform Franklin Park into a transit-oriented development. Matt Johnson comments on adapting Greenbelt's newer areas into transit-friendly places. George Branyan gives a brief history of bicycling in Greenbelt.

Harold Foster (Prince George's County Planning Department) discusses the evolution of the Metrorail system, plans and policies and their impact on the City of Greenbelt.

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Greenbelters driving into the District should be aware that starting the week of Monday, April 16 the National Park Service will begin a roadway resurface and spot-repair project on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway (BWP) from the District of Columbia line at Route 50 to the Maryland interchange at Route 450 (Annapolis Road). The planned completion time is mid-August of this year.

The existing pavement surface will be milled and overlaid with new asphalt. Spot reconstruction, permanent signing, striping and other miscellaneous work will also occur. Construction crews will work Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Night work will occur from 7:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Ramp detours can also be expected during non-rush-hour times. Inclement weather may require adjustments to the schedule.

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## DWI/DUI

April 1, 4:11 a.m., 6200 block Breezewood Drive. A 26-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations and possession of drug paraphernalia after a traffic stop. A 30-year-old male passenger from Laurel was also arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Both men were released on citations pending trial.

April 1, 6:47 a.m., Mandan Road at Hanover Parkway. A 34-year-old Greenbelt man was arrested and charged with multiple alcohol-related violations after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

## Drug Arrest

March 29, 11:28 a.m., 8900 block Edmonston Road. A non-resident youth was petitioned for possession with intent to distribute marijuana in a school zone and possession of marijuana. He was released to a guardian pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

March 29, 9:36 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. A 23-year-old Riverdale man was arrested and charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. He was released on citation pending trial.

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## WSSC Azalea Garden Open, in Early Bloom

The Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission's (WSSC) Brighton Dam Azalea Garden in Brookeville is renowned for its spring beauty. Five acres of more than 20,000 azaleas are beginning to open two weeks earlier than usual due to the warm winter and early spring. The garden is now open for the season bringing azalea lovers an early treat. Visitors can celebrate spring by wandering through more than five acres of flowers. After touring the garden, visitors can relax on the Tridellphia Reservoir picnic grounds. A play area for children also is available.

The garden at 2 Brighton Dam Road in Brookeville is free and open to the public daily from 6:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Elderly or disabled visitors are welcome to drive through the garden during those hours.

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## Army Orchestra Gives Concert

The U.S. Army Orchestra will present a free concert featuring the winner of its 7th Annual Metro DC Area Young Artist Competition on Sunday, April 15 at 4 p.m. in the Dekelbaum Concert Hall of the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland. This year's winner, Jungwook Choo, will perform movements 1 and 2 of Edward Elgar's Cello Concerto in E Minor, Op. 85 with the U.S. Army Orchestra.

Under the direction of Major Tod A. Addison and Colonel Thomas H. Palmatier, the orchestra will also perform William Grant Still's Symphony No. 2, Nancy Bloomer Deussen's concert piece "Carmel by the Sea" and "The Moldau," Bedrich Smetana's expansive symphonic poem that pays homage to his Czech heritage.

Admittance is on a first-come, first-seated basis beginning at 3:30 p.m. For details visit [claricesmithcenter.umd.edu](http://claricesmithcenter.umd.edu) or call 301-405-2787.

## GATE continued from page 1

this year in animation classes that will seat as many as seven students but should seat only four or five in the current studio, animation instructor George Kochell said.

"We don't actually have to advertise [classes] anymore. We normally have a waiting list," continued Kochell. "Usually . . . ."

"Space," GATE Treasurer Thomas White interjected.

"We still need space," Zuby maintained. "Things are just getting bigger. The need for space is getting more critical."

A lack of teaching lab space impedes expansion of the animation program that once used cut paper under a vertical camera but now gives children, ages seven to 18, access to professional video editing software. They work on a computer with Adobe Flash Player, Garage Band and Photoshop to create their own cartoon animation.

"Ideally a class would pay for itself with 10 seats but we don't have 10 computers. We couldn't put 10 computers in here," Murray said. "We just don't have the space to do that."

When GATE members work with the green screen, they must move two computers, unplugging and unhooking everything, then move tables by breaking them down.

"Breakage happens when you're moving things like that," said Murray, expanding on the class's configuration. "Nothing moves anywhere, I mean that

would be the best solution, things aren't moving as often."

### Moving a Challenge

For Kochell, a part-time GATE employee paid by GAVA as the animation instructor, moving around in the studio classroom and office separated by a wall has proved to be a challenge in his classes. He often finds himself with his back turned while teaching students or providing individual instruction.

If the classroom were laid out with a "line of sight," Kochell said, it would allow him to teach more students in a given class. "We don't have space for that in here," he added.

Despite GATE's interest in the Greenbelt Middle School space and Mayor Judith Davis suggesting moving the mobile lab at Springhill Lake Recreation Center, Murray pointed to the benefits of the security at the Community Centers that protects \$100,000 worth of equipment. She said she is not convinced of such assurances elsewhere.

"We love the location in the Community Center," said Murray, adding that the proximity to city administrators, namely Public Info and Communications Coordinator Beverly Palau, makes it easier to share equipment and provide services.

The Greenbelt City Council has provided financial contributions to GATE for at least 13 years and granted the organization \$56,300 for the current fiscal year, repre-

senting more than half the organization's total income, according to the GATE Custom Summary Report.

Zuby noted their long-standing relationship with city officials. "If we can get the space that we need," he said, "that's appropriate for teaching as we're doing and for safely storing equipment and providing us with access to other parts of the community as well, that's the extent of it."

### GAVA-GATE Relationships

GATE's relationship with the Greenbelt Association for the Visual Arts was less clarified during the meeting; despite the mayor's inquiries concerning equipment usage and finances of the declared "partnership" that allows GAVA access to GATE's equipment.

"No money changes hands between GAVA and GATE," said White, who said the animation program exists because of a symbiotic relationship.

Unsatisfied with the rationale, Davis proposed that GAVA should help pay for some of the equipment. Others at the meeting agreed.

"We think that we should see more partnership in more ways than one," councilmember Leta Mach concluded.

GAVA provides publicity and administrative services for the animation program, Murray said in a later interview, speaking about the need for a dedicated computer lab area and studio, as well as more storage and office space.

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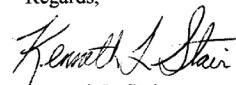
  
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Long-distance riders meet local cyclists at Proteus Bicycles in North College Park.

## Greenbelt Cyclists Join Advocacy Ride to DC

by Jeff Lemieux

On March 20 Greenbelt Councilmember Emmett Jordan and a group of Greenbelt cyclists met six-time U.S. cyclocross champion Tim Johnson's annual fundraising ride from Boston to Washington, D.C., at a "pitstop" in north College Park. After a bit of food and rest at Proteus Bicycles, several dozen local cyclists accompanied the 40 long-distance riders on the final leg of their ride to the U.S. Capitol. The group picked up additional riders at various points in D.C. and numbered approximately 100 by the finish.

The ride to D.C. highlighted local bike trails, including the Anacostia Tributary trails in Prince George's County and the Metropolitan Branch trail in Washington, D.C. The riders went past the White House on D.C.'s 15th Street cycletrack and took the Pennsylvania Avenue median bike lanes to the finish at the U.S. Capitol.

The long-distance riders included bike racing stars, cycling advocates and business executives. The group raised over \$90,000 for Bikes Belong, an advocacy group supporting safe cycling and bike lanes.

"It was an honor to be among the local cyclists who welcomed the riders from Boston as they made their way to the Capitol to advocate against federal budget cuts to pedestrian and bike transportation measures," said Jordan. "I am always looking for ways to promote bike safety for commuters and recreational riders in Greenbelt and in the D.C. area."

The pit stop in the Greenbelt and College Park area was the brainchild of D.C.-area cyclist Pete Beers, who made the full five-day trip from Boston and is a local advocate for safe biking. The stop was hosted by Jill DiMauro, owner of Proteus Bicycles, and Laurie Lemieux of Greenbelt. The hungry cyclists were treated to doughnuts, apples, fresh bread and the shop's notorious, oversized oatmeal dark chocolate walnut raisin cookies.

Dr. Allen Lim and Chef Biju Thomas were on hand to sign their new bike racers' cookbook, The Feed Zone, which uses simple recipes to help bike racers and other athletes make delicious, fresh race- and post-race energy and recovery foods (instead of relying on nutrition bars, gels and sports drinks).

Dr. Lim also used the occasion to provide samples of the hydration mix he has used for pro race teams. He has coached and cooked for the Garmin and RadioShack pro tour teams at

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# More Greenbelt Teachers Certified

by Brian Compere

What does it take to be a great teacher? Troy Bradbury has an idea.

"Any good teacher to me is any teacher who's pushing themselves to be the best that they can be," he said. "In my experience, I've noticed that any great teacher wants to be challenged. As a teacher, you have to grow and keep learning your craft."

Bradbury is one of seven Greenbelt teachers and 48 Prince George's County teachers selected to be a Certified Teacher by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), according to a January 3 press release from Prince George's County Public Schools.

In order to become certified, teachers must pass "a voluntary assessment program designed to recognize effective and accomplished teachers who meet high standards based on what teachers should know and be able to do," according to the NBPTS website.

"Achieving National Board Certification requires substantial time, dedication and skill but the reward comes in the class," Superintendent of Schools in Prince George's County William Hite said in the PGCPS release, which also said that the certification process can take as long as one to three years to complete.

Bradbury, who teaches regular, honors and Advanced Placement English classes and has taught for 11 years, is joined by Michael Smordic and Julian Lord of Eleanor Roosevelt High School, Ramon Braza and Danica Woodyard of Greenbelt Middle School, Julie Huften of Magnolia Elementary School and Danielle Todd-Jones of Springhill Lake Elementary School.

Smordic, who has been teaching for 37 years, agreed that teachers go from good to great by challenging themselves and adjusting the way that they teach to fit their students.

"I am constantly adapting to students' different learning styles. I am constantly asking questions of other teachers how they would deal with a particular problem," he said. "I strongly believe in order to be a good teacher you have to be able to listen well. I consider my teaching profession as being a process of continual learning and making changes to perfect my craft."

Huften, a kindergarten teacher who said she is the first NBPTS-certified teacher at her school, said that she also constantly adjusts her teaching, as when lessons fail to reach her students effectively despite being so clear in her head beforehand. She said that she takes a step back to laugh, talks to other teachers about the issue and tries again.

"I always try to look for the reason why I'm doing a lesson. I ask myself 'why am I doing this,'" she said, citing the example of teaching to count with the intention of then being able to teach how to add.

While Bradbury, Smordic, Huften and Lord all said that the incentive to become better teachers was enough for them, there is money tied to the certification – the NBPTS website lists "higher salary potential" as a benefit of the certification.

"Let's be honest, the money doesn't hurt," Bradbury said.

However, Lord said that the county cut the funding toward

this extra pay for NBPTS-certified teachers right before he began the certification process. Although he said that the county is bringing the funding back soon – to a currently unknown extent – he went through the process anyway largely because of his mentors, who explained to him that it is about much more than a fuller paycheck.

One approach that Smordic said he uses to be "a very dedicated teacher and an extremely hard worker" is to run help sessions for his calculus students that last an hour and 45 minutes on Saturdays. He said he also co-authored a "Stat Manual" designed to help students working on research projects.

Lord, who teaches freshman and AP U.S. History courses, said that he helps teach a global issues program and is "very proud" to regularly enter students in National History Day, for which he expects students to research and present with an exhibit board. Regarding their research, he tells his students that "nobody cares

what you think, only what you can prove."

In order to "go an extra step above what is required," Huften said she works to find out what individual students need and even helps students with homework before going home.

In order to help her fellow teachers as well, Huften completed a second set of requirements in order to be able to serve as a mentor for "about four or five" other teachers at her school interested in becoming NBPTS-certified. She said that having a tutor made a big difference during the third year of the program, a year she said she "spent a lot more hours" on.

Although the process did take her three years to complete, Huften said that the time and energy spent was "absolutely worth it."

"There was a lot of satisfaction in completing it considering it's not a requirement and it's something I did completely on my own," she said. "This is something I want to do, not something I have to."

## Local Resident Explores Warrior's Inner Conflict

by Janet Kane

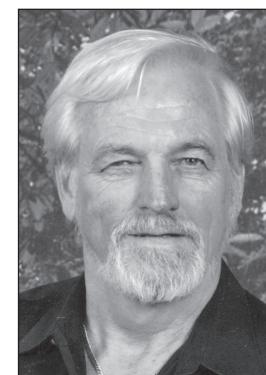
A 10-year resident of Greenbelt and a familiar face at the Co-op, the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center and community functions, Robert Mitchell has just published a two-volume memoir that details his journey from active duty in the Vietnam War to an awareness of the authentic warrior spirit.

Born in Alabama in 1945, Mitchell was raised in California and Illinois. He was drafted in 1966 while in college and became an army helicopter pilot. Burned badly in Vietnam in a helicopter crash he spent 10 months recovering at Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. Reinstated to flight status, he spent 18 months as a flight instructor at Fort Rucker, Ala. He was discharged from the army in 1970 and then finished his bachelor of science in mathematics.

In 1982 Mitchell became a high school teacher with posts in Illinois, California and at the Beddow School in Accokeek, Md., before retiring from the classroom in 2006. Before that, from 1970 to 1982 he embarked on the journey of healing and transformation recounted in his book.

The first volume, *Journey to Myrtos: Vietnam to Crete – Healing the Wounds of War*, is relevant to all veterans who have returned from U.S. wars in Vietnam, Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan. His aim is to help civilians understand the intensity of the inner conflict of the returning warrior, a classic conflict between love and death, evident in literature and arts.

Some veterans find love when they return to their families and communities but their suicide rates show that this conflict can also end in tragedy. Mitchell's journey of healing took him to the village of Myrtos in Greece.



Robert Mitchell

He uses the Greek terms for love and death, eros and thanatos, because they give names to those inner spirits – both ruled over by the Mother Goddess. The conflict between eros and thanatos plays out in the soul. Book one ends with his entry into that inner realm of conflict.

The story told in book two, *The Trials of the Initiate: Transforming the Warrior Spirit*, is best summed up by psychologist James Hillman in his classic book, *A Terrible Love of War*. He says, "In learning to serve the goddess – the protector of the people and the land – the warrior is transformed [from a servant of the god of war] into an instrument of justice and healing."

Mitchell's memoir tells the story of traversing the Realm of the Mothers and going through the transformation. It is a unique adventure story that strikes at the heart of the perpetual conflict for the soul of the individual and a warrior's battle to fight injustice and defend the soul of the culture of democracy.

Mitchell recently performed as lead actor in a short film about post traumatic stress disorder, *From Hell to Here* ([www.fromhelltoherefilm.com](http://www.fromhelltoherefilm.com)). He will speak on healing the wounds of war at the premier screening at the Graffiti of War convention in Morgantown, W.Va., on April 27.

For veterans now home or just returning from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with traumatic physical injuries and post traumatic stress, it is timely for older Vietnam veterans to speak out about their home coming experience.

And it's the responsibility of the nation to help veterans reintegrate into civil society.

Both volumes of Mitchell's memoir are available at the Greenbelt Co-op or from Amazon.com.

## Dave Kremnitzer, Come On Down

by Paula Clinidinst



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Greenbelt letter-carrier Dave Kremnitzer has had what he calls his "five minutes of fame." He was a recent contestant on CBS' "The Price Is Right" (TPIR) game show and won a car in the first five minutes of the show. "My brain is toast," says Kremnitzer, a 35-year veteran of the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). Although filmed in Los Angeles on February 23 the show did not air until April 3 and the rush was relieved as he watched it play out on national television six weeks after he experienced it live. "It was all so perfect, yet very surreal" he reflects, as we chat outside the New Deal Café, ironically, the location of the old Post Office in Greenbelt and where Dave began his career.

"It was like being at Kings Dominion," Kremnitzer says of his TPIR experience. "There were people selling hot dogs and sodas from carts. People could pose for pictures spinning the wheel." Potential contestants – 300 per show – got interviewed in groups of 12. Only 15 to 30 seconds was allowed per person. According to Kremnitzer, "being myself, being genuine and being excited" were the things that made him stand out. He was one of the nine people chosen to "come on down" and says that things were so rowdy in the studio that he did not hear his name. "I had to watch the cue cards."

The irony of having to price a car on national television was that Kremnitzer had just gone car-shopping with his son, so he had an idea of what new cars cost. Each winner then has the opportunity to spin the famous wheel to become a contestant in the Showcase Round which appears at the end of the show. Unfortunately, Kremnitzer's spins went over by one dollar but he was happily content with the final total winnings of over \$21,000 in prizes. "It was extremely heavy and hard to spin," says Kremnitzer, "although it looks easy to do." But it was all very exciting – so exciting, in fact, that his nametag, the notorious TPIR nametag that looks like a price tag, did not survive the trip home. "My wife was so excited she ripped it."

With roughly six weeks between the show's taping and the actual airing, Kremnitzer had to keep silent about the show. If he talked, he faced the possibility of forfeiting his prizes which would have been no easy loss: in addition to his Mazda 3i Touring hatchback, Kremnitzer is now the proud owner of a can opener and a vegetable grater, courtesy of

TPIR. No stranger to game show wares, in 1984 Kremnitzer won a round of "Wheel of Fortune" and came home with roughly \$1,200 worth of similar items.

Kremnitzer has Greenbelt roots, having delivered mail here his entire postal career. In addition, he attended Hebrew School at Mishkan Torah and his bar mitzvah was held there in 1969. He moved to University Square in 1980, got married in 1982 and moved to a GHI unit on Laurel Hill where he lived for several years. "My biggest regret is leaving Greenbelt," says Kremnitzer, "but we wanted to have some property and to live in a bigger house, so we moved to Waldorf in 1988." Now that Kremnitzer and his wife are "empty nesters" perhaps someday they will move back to Greenbelt.

Kremnitzer has tried to get back to reality since the whirlwind vacation he took with his wife in February that included being a contestant on TPIR and being in the audience on the Tonight show, being a guest DJ with a friend in Fresno, Calif., and hanging out with a buddy who happens to be an Elvis impersonator in Las Vegas. He bowls three times a week and, in addition to delivering mail in Greenbelt, he is a union steward for the National Association of Letter Carriers. In this capacity, he represents the letter carriers in union- and grievance-related issues. "I represent the carriers and their issues with management but I fully understand the USPS struggles to survive in an ongoing competitive delivery environment." He has been a union steward for more than half the time he has been employed by the USPS.

Look for Dave Kremnitzer around town, wish him congratulations and watch for the car bearing the license plate frame that reads "I Won This Car On The Price Is Right."

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